GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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REPAIRING OF HOUSES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether, after major natural disasters in 1999 the earthquake which rocked the Chamoli and Rudraprayag regions in March and the supercyclone in Orissa, task forces were set up under the chairmanship of the Housing and Urban Development Coporation Chairman, to carry out a damage and typological assessment of houses from the point of view of repair, restoration/retrofitting and reconstruction;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the salient features of the recommendations/observations made by these task forces; and

(d) the action so far taken by the Union Government to implement these recommendations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): Besides making an assessment of the damage to the housing stock in these disasters, the Task Forces recommended action plans for construction of safer houses in future by adopting disasters resistant building technologies and cost effective building materials and creation of awareness about these technologies. The Task force recommended plans of action on short term, medium term and long term basis to ensure minimum loss to the housing stock in future.

(d): The major recommendations pertain to the State Government of Uttar Pradesh & Orissa respectively.Therefore copies of the Task Forces were sent to the State Govts. for appropriate action.